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City of Milwaukee Health Department Announces Dates and Locations for 16th Annual Back-to-School Health Fairs

Health fairs to be held Aug. 19 at North Division High School and Aug. 26 at South Division High School

MILWAUKEE – With school season right around the corner, Mayor Tom Barrett and the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) have announced that the City's 16th annual Back-to-School Health Fairs will be held Friday, Aug. 19, at North Division High School (1011 W. Center St.) and Friday, Aug. 26, at South Division High School (1515 W. Lapham Blvd.). Both events will run from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

"Back-to-School Health Fairs are an important part of families' efforts to get their children ready for a healthy school year," said Mayor Tom Barrett. "We are thankful to our generous sponsors for their support and to all the organizations providing services and resources at both fairs."

Services at each fair include vaccinations for students ages 18 and under, lead testing, vision and dental screenings. This year, back to school haircuts will also be available for students.

The health fairs are presented by the City of Milwaukee Health Department and United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County in partnership with Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Children's Community Health Plan, United Healthcare, Molina Healthcare, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, MHS Health Wisconsin, and iCare Independent Health Plan.

"Each year we serve thousands of children at both health fairs," said Commissioner of Health Bevan K. Baker. "Ensuring that families have access to required vaccinations and health screenings is essential to keeping schools and our community healthy year round."

Free backpacks and school supplies will be provided to children with an up-to-date shot record, or those who receive vaccinations and lead testing at the fairs. Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to receive gifts and services. For more information, call (414) 286-3521 or visit www.milwaukee.gov/health.

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